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SUBJECT: HOMECOMING FARES

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1. I BROKE BAD NEWS ABOUT HOMECOMING FARES TO ROMULO MORNING MARCH 18, DRAWING ON RATIONALE CONTAINED REFTEL. IN DOING SO, I STRESSED THAT THERE WERE STILL SEVERAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO PHILS TO SALVAGE THEIR HOMECOMING OPERATIONS. PAL COULD USE CHARTER FLIGHTS, ESTABLISH GROUP AFFINITY RATES, OR REESTABLISH THE PREVIOUSLY USED COUPON SYSTEM, LEAVING INTERNAL BOOKKEEPING TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN PHIL GOVT AND PAL.

2. ROMULO REACTED WITH SURPRISING EQUANIMITY, WHICH MAY MERELY REFLECT HIS LACK OF DETAILED KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING PAL OPERATIONS. THEREFORE, I DO NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER THIS THE LAST WORD ON THE SUBJECT AND AM NOT RPT NOT SURE WE ARE OUT OF THE RETALIATORY WOODS.

3. IN ORDER TO HAVE A MORE AUTHORITATIVE FOCUS BROUGHT TO BEAR, I HAVE ASKED ECON COUNSELOR ARNOLD TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH TOURISM SECRETARY ASPIRAS, WHO WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE US
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A MORE COGENT REACTION.

4. YOU SHOULD KNOW, INCIDENTALLY, THAT VICTIMS OF
RETALIATION WOULD NOT RPT NOT NECESSARILY BE U.S.
CARRIERS, SINCE THEY FLY AT CLOSE TO SATURATION PASSENGER LOADS.
FIRST VICTIMS WOULD BE FAMILIES OF U.S. SERVICEMEN, WHO NOW
BENEFIT FROM HIGHLY DISCRIMINATORY, LOW-COST FARE ON U.S.
CARRIERS.
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